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### COMNAVACTUK INSTRUCTION 1020.1K

Subj: UNIFORM REGULATIONS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN EUROPE

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations, 1991  
(b) COMUSNAVEURINST 5400.13H

Enc: (1) United Kingdom/Northern Europe Uniform Regulations  
(2) Uniform Guidance for the Greater London Area

1. Purpose. To promulgate the uniform regulations for U.S. Navy personnel in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe who do not fall under the cognizance of another regional coordinator. This instruction has the effect of a general regulation. It neither duplicates nor supercedes information contained in reference (a).

2. Cancellation. COMNAVACTUKINST 1020.1J

3. Background. Reference (a) is the basic document governing the wearing of uniforms by Naval Personnel. As specified in reference (b), Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, United Kingdom (COMNAVACTUK), is assigned regional area coordinator responsibilities for U.S. Navy personnel located ashore in the United Kingdom and in Northern Europe. As regional area coordinator, COMNAVACTUK is responsible for establishing uniform policy for Naval personnel in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe.

4. Information

a. Enclosure (1) provides uniform policy for personnel while attached to U.S. Navy shore activities in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe. It also establishes uniform sub areas, provides guidance to sub area coordinators, and establishes seasonal uniform requirements.

b. Uniform regulations and dress code for the London Area are established in enclosure (2). The "Greater London" area is considered to be the area inside the M25; "Central London" is considered to be the area surrounding the headquarters building at 7 North Audley Street/2 Providence Court/20 Grosvenor Square.

5. General Regulations

a. While at a U.S. Navy shore activity within the United Kingdom/Northern Europe area, Naval personnel shall be in the prescribed Uniform of the Day or appropriate civilian attire as described in reference (a) and this directive.

b. Naval personnel shall familiarize themselves with the standards of appearance as set forth in reference (a) and will be held responsible under UCMJ article 92(1) to ensure that their appearance is within those standards.

6. Action

a. Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge shall ensure that their personnel are in compliance with this instruction. Additionally, the special circumstances created by the presence of U.S. forces in Central London underscores the need to ensure that uniforms (and civilian attire as appropriate) are properly worn and maintained to enhance the reputation of the U.S. Navy. Pride in appearance is the mark of responsible military members, both officer and enlisted, and a key indicator of the level of morale and discipline in a command.

b. The designated Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge or Senior Officer for each sub area in enclosure (1) will determine the effective date of uniform changes and promulgate information to activities in their respective sub area and to NAVACTUK.



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UNITED KINGDOM/NORTHERN EUROPE UNIFORM REGULATIONS

1. Uniform sub areas. Uniform sub areas within the United Kingdom and Northern Europe are as follows:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>SUB AREA COORDINATOR</u>
Central London, Greater London, and all other U.K. counties unless specified below	COMNAVACTUK
North Yorkshire	CO, NSGA Menwith Hill
Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Dorset Counties	CO, JMF St. Mawgan
Suffolk County	OIC, NAF Mildenhall
Germany	Senior Naval Officer, USEUCOM

2. Sub area Coordinators. Local sub area cognizant authorities will prescribe uniforms and accessories, which shall provide the greatest uniformity with their area, taking into consideration local climate, command mission, and public exposure. Clarifying information concerning restrictions and alternatives for special occasions and/or geographic locations, i.e., wearing of flight clothing, foul weather gear, ties, garrison caps, etc. should be included.

3. Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) Personnel. U.S. Navy personnel assigned to PEP program billets will wear the uniform most comparable to that worn by host service personnel of similar grade.

4. Uniform of the Day

a. Uniform of the day for the winter period (first Monday in October – first Monday in May) is Service Dress Blue. Winter Blue, Service Khaki, and working uniforms as described in reference (a) may be prescribed as alternates to the Service Dress Blue uniform.

b. Uniform of the Day for the summer period (first Monday in May – first Monday in October) is Service Dress White. Summer White, Service Khaki, and working uniforms as described in reference (a) may be prescribed as alternates to the Service Dress White uniform.

## UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR GREATER LONDON AREA

1. Background. A common-sense approach to living and working in a foreign country is to blend in with the community as much as possible. Safety and personal security of service members, their families, and property is of primary importance. The presence of U.S. military personnel in the Mayfair district of Central London creates a unique situation with respect to normal military appearance. Long standing tradition of host nation armed forces – and the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), which exists between the United States and the United Kingdom – indicates the need for a formal policy regarding wearing uniforms in London.

### 2. Policy

a. Greater London Area: The Uniform of the Day for the Greater London area is Service Dress Blue/White. Service Khaki/Winter Blue/ Summer White are prescribed as optional/seasonal uniforms. Utilities and the camouflage utility uniform (as appropriate) may be worn in situations where other uniforms would be inappropriate. Wearing uniforms on public transportation (bus, train, and underground) is not authorized. Personnel working in the Greater London Area (outside of Central London) are authorized to wear their uniforms to and from work (if not using public transport) and for commuting in a government or personally owned vehicle between bases outside Central London.

b. Central London Area: Personnel residing in Central London, including those TAD, are not authorized to commute to/from work in uniform. Uniforms will not be worn outside the headquarters building except in cases of emergency evacuation of the building.

3. Civilian attire appropriate for the Central London Area. Central London is a conservative business area as well as an international tourist area, which results in a wide spectrum of clothing style to wear. In all cases, civilian attire is expected to be conservative in nature, clean, and in good order. Remember that your goal, especially while commuting to/from work, is to blend in with the British citizens who are commuting at the same time.

4. Force Protection Conditions (FPCons). Force Protection Conditions also determine the advisability of wearing uniforms. The higher the FPCon, the greater the risk against the United States military, and all personnel should exercise caution when wearing their uniform anywhere other than on a U.S. military establishment. At FPCon C and higher, no military uniforms are authorized to be worn off base.